



CONTINUOUS RECRUITMENT
OPEN-COMPETITIVE EXAMINATION
APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED CONTINUOUSLY TESTS HELD PERIODICALLY

Examination No. & Title: 20-252 Plant Utilities Assistant
Salary Grade: 9
Beginning Salary: \$33,972

Written Test To Be Held
SEPTEMBER 10, 2016
MARCH 18, 2017

Applications MUST Be Submitted or Postmarked By
JULY 27, 2016
FEBRUARY 1, 2017

ONLINE APPLICATION PROCESS AVAILABLE at http://www.cs.ny.gov/exams

NO APPLICATION PROCESSING FEE REQUIRED

Appointees who work in the five boroughs of New York City or in Nassau, Suffolk, Rockland, or Westchester Counties will receive an additional \$3,026 annual downstate adjustment. Appointees who work in Dutchess, Orange, or Putnam Counties will receive an additional \$1,513 annual mid-Hudson adjustment.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: On or before the date of filing your application, you must have

- Either 1. one year of satisfactory hands-on experience in the operation and maintenance of boilers and/or auxiliary equipment or HVAC equipment in commercial, industrial or institutional facilities.
Or 2. a high school diploma or GED and successful completion of four trades courses in any combination of the following trades: electrical, refrigeration, boiler operation and maintenance, plumbing, and HVAC.
Or 3. successful completion of 12 college semester credit hours in any combination of the following course areas: heating ventilation and air conditioning, electrical circuits, fluid mechanics, technical communications, thermal dynamics, utility refrigeration mechanics, blueprint reading and sketching, physics, boiler and steam systems, industrial electricity, electric utility systems, plant operation and maintenance, industrial instrumentation and control, industrial safety, and environmental air quality;
Or 4. completion of an approved certificate program** in HVAC or related area that is a minimum of one year in duration;
Or 5. completion of an approved certificate program** in HVAC or related area which is less than one year in duration and post certificate experience, which combined equals one year.

The following military experience is considered examples of qualifying experience:

- U.S. Air Force: Graduate of heating, HVAC, ventilation, air conditioning, and refrigeration apprenticeship program.
U.S. Coast Guard: Must have been an enlisted machinery technician (MK) with the U.S. Coast Guard OR possession of a certificate as a Marine Engineer issued by the United States Coast Guard.
U.S. Army: Must have been an enlisted power generation equipment repairer with the U.S. Army.
U.S. Navy: Must have been an enlisted gas turbine systems technician, submarine nuclear propulsion plant operator reactor control, utilities man, machinist mate, or engineman with the U.S. Navy.
U.S. Merchant Marine: Must have a merchant mariner's document (MMD) and be a qualified member of the engine department (QMED) as an oiler, fireman/watertender, refrigerating engineer or engineman.

**Certification program must be accredited by the Accrediting Commission of Career Schools and Colleges of Technology or recognized by the NYSED Bureau of Proprietary Schools.

Important: As this examination is offered both open-competitively and transitionally, verify that you entered the correct examination number and title on your online or paper application prior to submitting. If you apply online, you should immediately review your email confirmation notice to verify that you applied for the correct examination. If you do not receive a confirmation number after submitting your online application, your application was NOT received by the Department of Civil Service. No late applications will be accepted after the filing deadline has passed.

NOTES:

- 1. Applicants who have completed college-level, accredited military or industrial training should contact the Excelsior College, University of the State of New York, 7 Columbia Circle, Albany, NY 12203-5159, at (518) 464-8500, ext. 27 or visit their website at www.excelsior.edu for information about the Full Service Credit Bank service which can issue a college transcript, which this department will review for compliance with the minimum education requirement for this examination.
2. Your degree and/or college credit must have been awarded by a regionally accredited college or university or one recognized by the NYS Education Department as following acceptable educational practices. If your degree was awarded by an educational institution outside the United States and its territories, you must provide independent verification of equivalency. You can write to the Examination Information Desk of the Department of Civil Service for a list of acceptable companies who provide this service. This information can also be found on the Internet at http://www.cs.ny.gov/jobseeker/degrees.cfm. You must pay the required evaluation fee. If you are applying on the Internet, you must mail the independent verification of equivalency to the NYS Department of Civil Service, Albany, New York 12239. Attention: S2ICC.
3. Although a transition examination is being held, it is expected that appointments will be made as the result of this examination open to the public.
4. There is no processing fee for this examination.
5. Appropriate part-time and volunteer experience, which can be verified, will be accepted on a prorated basis.
6. New York State residence is not required.

DUTIES: As a **Plant Utilities Assistant**, you would assist in the operation, maintenance, and repair of mechanical and electrical equipment providing heat, hot water, ventilation, air conditioning, and electrical distribution in a safe and efficient manner.

THE POSITIONS: These positions exist throughout the State in the State University System; the Department of Corrections and Community Supervision; the Department of Education; the Department of Health; the Office of Children and Family Services; the Office of General Services; the Office of Mental Health; the Office for People with Developmental Disabilities; and the Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation.

SUBJECT OF EXAMINATION: There will be a **written test** which you must pass in order to be considered for appointment. The **written test** is designed to test for knowledge, skills and/or abilities in such areas as:

1. **Electrical and mechanical trades** – These questions test for knowledge of the tools and procedures used in the electrical and mechanical trades involved in maintaining the equipment found in physical plants.
2. **Operation and maintenance of related mechanical and electrical equipment** – These questions test for knowledge of the principles and practices involved in the operation, maintenance, and repair of the various types of mechanical and electrical equipment involved in the heating, hot water, ventilation, air-conditioning, and electrical distribution systems found in physical plants.
3. **Operation, maintenance, and repair of steam and high temperature hot water generating and distribution systems** – These questions test for knowledge of the principles and practices involved in the operation, maintenance, and repair of steam and high temperature hot water generating and distribution systems, prime movers, and high voltage electrical equipment, including related mechanical and electrical power plant equipment.

Your final score must be 70 or higher in order to pass. Rank on the eligible list will be determined after adding any wartime veterans' and Civil Service Law Section 85-a credits to your final passing score.

HOW TO APPLY:

- Online our Internet address is <http://www.cs.ny.gov/exams>; or
- Download the examination application NYS-APP form at <http://www.cs.ny.gov/announ/applications.cfm>; or
- Email cs.sm.examinfo@cs.ny.gov to request NYS-APP form; or
- Obtain NYS-APP form from a State agency or facility personnel/business office; or
- Request NYS-APP form by calling the Department of Civil Service in the Albany area at 518-457-2487 [press 2, then press 3] or toll free at 1-877-697-5627 [press 2, then press 3].

WHERE TO APPLY: Mail your completed application to

- Application Processing, New York State Department of Civil Service, Albany, NY 12239

The NYS Department of Civil Service reserves the right to reject for lateness or to accept applications filed after the advertised filing period. All statements you make on your application are subject to investigation.

State agencies have an ongoing need for persons qualified for appointment to these positions. Generally, the Department of Civil Service schedules the written test twice a year. In general, all applications received up to six weeks before a scheduled test date will be processed for that test date. Applications received afterward will be retained for the next scheduled test date.

RETEST POLICY: Qualified candidates may file as frequently as desired, but a new application is required each time. Appeal of ratings will not be allowed as the opportunity for retest exists.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

NEW YORK STATE IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER: It is the policy of the state of New York to provide for and promote equal opportunity in employment, compensation, and other terms and conditions of employment without unlawful discrimination on the basis of age, race, color, religion, disability, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, marital status, domestic violence victim status, genetic predisposition or carrier status, or arrest and/or criminal conviction record unless based upon a bona fide occupational qualification or other exception.

Appointment to many positions in State government require candidates to undergo an investigative screening. This may include a thorough character investigation, a Federal Bureau of Investigation Criminal Record History Check, a Child Abuse Registry clearance, or other similar procedures. Candidates may be fingerprinted and may be required to pay any necessary fees for that procedure. Depending on the nature of the job, the criminal convictions discovered, or any falsified or omitted information revealed, the investigative findings may bar appointment or result in removal after appointment.

ELIGIBILITY FOR EMPLOYMENT: You must be legally eligible to work in the United States at the time of appointment and throughout your employment with New York State. If appointed, you must produce documents that establish your identity and eligibility to work in the United States, as required by the federal Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986, and the Immigration and Nationality Act.

RELIGIOUS ACCOMMODATION: Most written tests are held on Saturdays. If you cannot take the test on the announced test date, due to a conflict with a religious observance or practice, check the box under "Religious Accommodation." We will make arrangements for you to take the test on a different date (usually the following day).

REASONABLE ACCOMMODATIONS IN TESTING: It is the policy of the Department of Civil Service, in accordance with the New York State Human Rights Law and the Americans with Disabilities Act, to provide qualified persons with disabilities equal employment opportunity and equal opportunity to participate in and receive the benefits, services, programs, and activities of the Department. It is the policy of the Department to provide such persons reasonable accommodations and reasonable modifications as are necessary to provide equal opportunity. Persons with disabilities who require an accommodation to participate in an examination must note this on their application. Further information is available from the Test Administration Unit of the Department of Civil Service. In the Albany area, call 518-457-2487. Outside of the Albany area, call toll free at 1-877-697-5627. For TDD services, call NY Relay at 711 (requires a fee) or 1-800-662-1220.

NEW YORK STATE RESIDENCE IS NOT REQUIRED FOR MOST POSITIONS: However, you must be eligible for employment in the United States.

ADMISSION TO EXAMINATION: Notice to appear for the test may be conditional as review of applications may not be made until after the test. If you have not received your notice to appear for the written test three days before the date of the test, call 518-474-6470 in the Albany area or toll free at 1-877-697-5627.

MULTIPLE EXAMINATIONS SCHEDULED FOR THE SAME DAY: If you have applied to take a written test announced by either one or several local jurisdictions (county, town, city) scheduled to be held on the same test date as this written test, you must notify each of the local jurisdictions no later than two weeks before the test date to make arrangements for taking all tests at one test site. All tests will be held at the state examination center. For your convenience, contact information for all local civil service agencies is available on our website at: <http://www.cs.ny.gov/jobseeker/local.cfm>.

CONTINUOUS RECRUITMENT/ELIGIBLE LISTS: Candidates who meet the qualifications and pass this examination will have their names placed on the eligible list in the order of final scores, regardless of the date on which they filed or took the test. Generally, the names of qualified candidates will remain on the eligible list for two years. Appeal of ratings will not be allowed as the opportunity for retest exists. The Department of Civil Service reserves the right to terminate this special recruitment program.

CELL PHONES OR ELECTRONIC/COMMUNICATION DEVICES AT THE TEST SITE: Do NOT bring cell phones, beepers, headphones, or any electronic or other communication devices to the test site. The use of such devices at the test site in the test room, hallways, restrooms, building, grounds, or other areas could result in your disqualification.